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SUBJECT: FRANCE: R/V CORWITH CRAMER RESEARCH CLEARANCE

REQUEST: NOVEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2006

REF: (A) STATE DEPARTMENT FILE NO.: 2005 - 059

(B) SECSTATE 116914

**¶1.** (U) Embassy received research clearance for the subject vessel (Reftel A) from the MFA under cover of diplomatic note number 1441/AME dated 24 November 2005. The note states that the French authorities have no objection to the research campaign of the Corwith Cramer in the French waters of the Guadeloupe and Martinique from 26 November 2005 to 4 January 2006. The note further states that local authorities have been informed.

**¶2.** (U) The note further indicates that the French authorities do not wish that "heavy seismic operations" be conducted during the research program. The note also underscores the necessity for research vessel, throughout its program, to (A) pay specific attention not to harm fishing equipment left in the place within the French waters by professional fishermen, and (B) to be in radio contact with fishing boats which are located in the surrounding proximity to inform them of R/V's research campaign movement.

**¶3.** (U) The note also states that the ship must inform French authorities of its entrance into and exit from the French waters (info to be sent to: Bureau Emploi Mer/Emia; Tel: 00 33 (0) 5 96 39 51 63 - Fax: 00 33 (0) 5 96 39 51 65), and inform them should buoys be deployed for measurements (position, GDH)).

**¶4.** (U) Finally, the MFA requests three/three copies of both the preliminary and post cruise report.

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